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bird of about the Grackle's size but adds "there is no certainty about it whatever" and so wisely refrains from naming it.— W. S.

Richmond's Third Supplement to Waterhouse's "Index Genera Avium." [1]— This welcome publication follows the plan of its predecessors except that the types of the genera have been determined according to the rules of the International Code of Nomenclature and derivations of names have been omitted except when furnished by the original authors. Some 600 names are listed of which more than half have been published since 1905 and of these about 175 are credited to Mr. Gregory M. Mathews. Perhaps the most important feature of this supplement is the list of errors in Waterhouse's 'Index.' This consists of vernacular and other names which have no generic status at the citations given, errors in spelling and in statement, all of which are corrected by Dr. Richmond, and nomina nuda, for which the proper citations are given. Lists of Linnæan genera which are citable at earlier date than those given by Waterhouse (mainly due to his adoption of the 12th in place of the 10th edition of the Systema) are given, as well as original references to Bonaparte's genera which appeared originally in the 'Ateneo Italiano' and corrections to the two previous "Supplements."

With this pamphlet before them systematic ornithologists are for the first time in possession of accurate references to all the genera of birds so far as known. That a few still remain to be unearthed from obscure publications goes without saying, but they will not begin to approach the number included in the present list which latter represents the results of the painstaking researches of both Dr. Richmond and Mr. G. M. Mathews during the past ten years.

When one considers that much of Dr. Richmond's time has necessarily been taken up in searching out the true date of issue of many wrongly dated publications it seems like the ironry of fate that his own paper should be antedated. It seems high time that someone in charge of the scientific publications at Washington takes steps to check this unfortunate practice.— W. S.

Aves in the Zoological Record for 1915.[2]— Mr. W. L. Sclater is again the author of that section of the Zoological Record devoted to birds, and has compiled a list of 934 titles for the year 1915, with the usual rearrangement of references under various subjects — geographic, economic, plumage,

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[1] Generic Names Applied to Birds During the Years 1906 to 1915, inclusive, with additions and corrections to Waterhouse's "Index Genera Avium." By Charles W. Richmond, Assistant Curator of Birds, United States National Museum. Proc. U. S. Nat. Mus., Vol. 53, pp. 565–636. August 16 (= 25), 1917.

[2] Zoological Record. Vol. LII, 1915.— Aves. By W. L. Sclater, M. A. May, 1916. Printed for the Zoological Society of London, sold at their House in Regents Park, London, N. W. Price six shillings. pp. 1–74.